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GREAT KANSAS RALLY.

At an early hour last evening Market Hall was crowded to its utmost capacity by the citizens of Milwaukee to listen to Col. LANE, known to the country once as the gallant leader of the Indiana volunteers, upon the well fought battle fields of Mexico, now U. S. Senator elect from Kansas.

ALBERT SMITH, Esq., was called to the Chair and introduced Col. LANE to the meeting, who proceeded to speak upon the wrongs and needs of Kansas.

After a beautiful and appropriate notice of the city in which he was then speaking, he appealed to the audience to say if when the Kansas and Nebraska bill was passed, it was not the common understanding that the people were to be left to determine for themselves whether they would have slaves or not in those territories. "Was it not also understood and indeed declared by nearly all the leading defenders of that bill that slavery was shut out from Kansas by climate and production. That Kansas was sure to be a Free State. That it was only the settlement of a great principle, that they wanted, the democratic principle of Squatter Sovereignty."

Such were the representations and pretenses of the administration when with every means at its command, with the power of its mighty patronage, by buying some, deceiving some, and frightening others, it succeeded in repealing the Missouri Compromise.

The people of Kansas, going thither to find homes on its beautiful, salubrious and fertile plains—whether from the North, South, East or West—were assured that they should have the management of their own affairs, and by their own votes determine the question of Slavery or Freedom. With this understanding they left their old places of abode, and hastened to find in this new and genial realm, beyond the Missouri, a place to plant themselves and their little ones for life.

And who are the settlers of Kansas? They are mainly Western men. Some supposed that they were all from New England, and sent out by her abolition societies. This is not true; though he had never been able to see why New England men had not as good a right to settle in Kansas as any other set of men.

The people of Kansas are a conservative, law-abiding, liberty-loving people, and any man who says they are abolitionists, in any such sense as desiring to interfere with Slavery in the States, is a slanderer and a liar. Abolitionism was coming to mean something very different, he said now. He himself had been called an abolitionist when only trying to make the Democratic party adopt the Platform of '52. A man now could not be in favor of the liberty of whites without being called an abolitionist. Abolitionism was becoming a descriptive name of all that was patriotic against despotism.

At the first Kansas election, when the people were preparing to vote for delegates to Congress they found suddenly among them armed bands from Missouri. They carried the election, and again in March when the people were to choose their territorial legislature for the first time, an army of from 7000 to 9000 men, armed with all manner of deadly weapons, with cannon thundering behind them, and wagons bearing military stores, and three gallons of mean whiskey to every man, went into every election district but one and carried them all; electing in many instances men of their own number, who had never been in Kansas before. They overthrew election boards and constituted others, and with the most horrid threats and oaths tried to draw away the legitimate voters from the polls.

What would you do if the people of Illinois and other States should come in and carry the elections of Wisconsin in this manner? (Voices, "Fight, fight.") Of course you would fight. There is not a man, woman or child that wouldn't fight.

Well, the Legislature thus elected by, and composed of, Missourians met and, after turning out the seven delegates elected at the second election called by Reeder and purifying themselves from nearly all the actual residents of Kansas, they began their work.

They continued in session five weeks, and here (said he, holding up a ponderous volume, twice the size of the Revised Statutes of Wisconsin) is the result of their labors. They took the whole Code of Missouri, as the Irishman did the frog, "with a generous confidence."

Col. LANE said he had been a Democrat from his youth, and he claimed now to be one, if there was any such party. There was a fragment of that party chained to the car of Slavery. They are traitors to the Democratic party. He did not belong to that wing. That wing "was growing small by degrees and beautifully less." It consisted already mainly of postmasters. After the next election, they will emigrate South.

They call the friends of freedom in Kansas "Nigger worshippers." He read from those Missouri Statutes, which this Democratic Administration was trying to enforce against the people of Kansas, a provision against kidnapping a white child deserting as the only penalty an imprisonment of six months, while the kidnapping of a black child from slavery into freedom was punishable with death.

Who are the nigger worshippers now? Well now Frank Pierce, don't talk, because I saw Frank, for I helped make him. I was an elector from Indiana, and cast her vote for him in the Electoral College. He is in part the work of my own hands.

Did we make a pretty job of it? I have a right to speak of him, for I know him well. I have made more than one hundred election speeches for him during the canvass.

Pierce is determined to compel the people of Kansas to submit to the Ruffian Legislature, and its bloody code.

Kansas is the land of freemen. It is like Wisconsin. Laws that are good for us are good for you here. (Col. Lane then read the statutes which denounce as felony and punish with imprisonment, the simple declaration that slavery is illegal in Kansas, the printing or publishing or circulating printed documents, papers, or books which contain any matter hostile to slavery—the monstrous provision which declares that in trials under this law no man shall sit on a jury who has any conscientious scruples against holding slaves.) He asked how such laws would suit the freemen of Wisconsin.

Would you obey such laws which make the circulation of the letters of Washington Jefferson and Franklin or even the Bible a crime

Then they have repealed that clause of the Kansas and Nebraska bill which allows foreigners, who have declared their intentions to become citizens, to vote. Look at that, German and Irish voters, whose votes are asked to keep in power the pro-slavery Administration which is your bitterest foe. They tried to disfranchise you totally in the Kansas-Nebraska bill. The whole South voted for your disfranchisement in a body. Their regard for you was shown the other day, when one of their Congressmen shot down a poor Irish waiter, and every one of the pro-slavery members voted against investigation of the matter.

Foreign born citizens, will you aid to keep in power these traitors, using you as their tools and then tramping you under foot. Col. Lane then alluded in thrilling words to the repeated wrongs and outrages which the people of Kansas had suffered. Not content with the complete annihilation of the rights of the free people of Kansas, the miscreants of the border set on, encouraged and protected, by Shannon Pierce and their myrmidons, had murdered, robbed and pillaged them. Within a brief period four of his intimate friends, men who had broken bread at his table and held his children in their arms, had been murdered in cold blood.

And yet there are men so audacious, so incorrigibly corrupt as to say that Kansas needs no protection.

There are those who from day to day labor studiously to conceal facts and distort the actual condition of things, and with cold-blooded atrocity claim that justice is done to the people of Kansas. They deny those outrages, while the ruffians of the Missouri border are boasting of them, and would spit upon their cowardly, lying apologists for such base misrepresentations. They need no such hiring, white-livered scoundrels to make out their case. Men who attempt to serve the Slave Power by such impudent lying, ought to be lashed naked through the streets.

Col. Lane called upon all freemen to rally to the rescue. He had acted with the Democratic party for a long time. He was a member of Congress when the Kansas and Nebraska bill was passed, and voted for it.

He said he should feel a great deal nearer Heaven when he had the assurance that he was forgiven that political sin. He now knew but one question, and that the sole issue of the day. It was Freedom or Slavery in Kansas. Freemen of Wisconsin, what is your answer to the call of Kansas?

Col. LANE closed a most telling and effective speech amid thundering applause. His clear and positive statements of facts, his thrilling appeals, his withering sarcasms, carried everything before it. His whole make, manner and personage indicated the qualities which shone out so conspicuously on the bloody field of Buena Vista, and which may be needed yet in the solemn, stirring scenes before us.

Mr. Hotchkiss, Secretary of the Kansas Aid Association, made a brief report. He said that as near as could be learned, about 300 persons had gone out from Wisconsin to Kansas. He made a brief and pointed speech, directed to the question of what shall be done for Kansas.

He presented the following resolutions: Resolved, That we regard the attacks made upon American citizens, and especially the late cowardly assault upon the Hon. Charles Sumner in the U. S. Senate, during this session of Congress, as unmistakable evidence that the Slave Power have determined to "subdue" the free sentiment of the North.

Resolved, That the recital of the wrongs upon Kansas by her faithful representative before us to-night, have awakened within us feelings which we cannot express by words, but that we promise to unite with our sister states in any systematic movements of emigration, and to fill the territory of Kansas with free men, who shall be able to defend their constitutional rights.

Resolved, That our counsel to the members of the Kansas train which left this city on the 20th of May is that they stand by their guns, and honor the land from which they came.

The Resolutions were unanimously adopted. Col. Lane, in answer to a question by Dr. Douglass, gave an account of what the Western States are preparing to do for Kansas. He hoped the people of Wisconsin would not be backward.

Mr. Booth read a letter from a citizen in the interior, who was aroused by the sacking of Lawrence, urging the union of all for freedom. The thanks of the meeting were voted to Col. Lane.

Prof. Daniels made a brief and stirring appeal for Kansas, stirring the people to earnest action, showing that the people are at work in the interior, and urging the citizens of Milwaukee to liberal and speedy aid. He said that Kansas wants men—men who fear God and fear nobody else. Would that our gallant friend—Col. Lane—had been at Lawrence, we would have had a different account from that place.

In the country, parties are preparing to go to fight if necessary; and we want to know who are ready to go or aid.

On motion, a committee was about to be appointed to obtain aid at once, when Col. Lane said Kansas wanted no money sent to her. She wanted a line of communication established and sustained by a liberal fund, so that Kansas could draw safely for aid. He asked—Can you not establish at Milwaukee a fund for freedom?

Mr. Tweedy said that it was too late now in this meeting to gather a fund. He said he gave \$150 before with some misgiving, because he did not believe in sending women and children, when men were wanted to fight. He would double that amount to send men there to commit treason, and he hoped the United States District Attorney would indict him for aiding treason, and he would give \$10 a month till the issue was over. He believed the Freemen of the North should be armed and ready to march to aid Kansas.

Dr. Wolcott said he would follow Mr. Tweedy's example.

John Durand—Put me down for \$100.

The Reliance Works were put down for \$100.

Mr. Tweedy suggested that as it was very late, it was best to have a committee of fifteen, to meet and mature the plans for thorough organization.

The proposition was carried, and the following are the committee:

J. H. Tweedy, Dr. Wolcott, E. D. Hulston, Dr. Douglass, J. M. Durand, J. Seville, J. N. S. M. Booth, W. H. Watson, J. H. Payne, Wm. Lee, John Ogden, John Crouch, A. H. Bluffield, Greger Mezal

[For the Free Democrat.]
FOND DU LAC, May 31, '56.

FRIEND BOOTH—The Know Nothing Assembly Convention met here this afternoon, under the assumed name of Republican. E. Pier and J. W. Partridge were elected delegates to the Madison Convention. Mr. Pier is not a member of the order, nor do I think he sympathizes much with them. His course at Madison will tell. I suppose they elected him to save appearances. Mr. Partridge is a member of the Order, if actions and words can speak. He was Secretary of the County Convention held in this city a short time ago, to form a Republican Club, and, by the aid of the Know Nothing Herald of this city, published a garbled report of the doings of that Convention, suppressing a strong anti-Slavery Resolution, that passed without a dissenting voice. He certainly is a representative of the so-called Republicans, provided they go into partnership with Know Nothings, at Madison and wish to suppress the true anti-Slavery feeling of the State. I intend to be there, and expect to see the papers signed and sealed.

After Mr. Partridge was elected, he made a motion himself to have the power of substitution, and under the crack of Buck's Know Nothing whip—for he was a delegate, of course—and after a short resistance, the majority of the Convention adopted it. It is plainly to be seen that if the Republicans and Know Nothings are to engineer the Republican party together, that the anti-Know Nothings, Whigs, Free Soilers, Democrats and Liberty men are to be proscribed, and will be proscribed, by such a combination, for their adherence to the principle of "Liberty to all." It is the sacred duty of all true men to oppose such an unholy combination, and save the Republican party from destruction; for if such a combination cannot be defeated, it ought to be destroyed, and a better organization take its place. For a party that can go in for Freedom for only a part of the human race, is not worth much. The Mass Meeting about to convene at Madison has a great duty to perform, and a solemn responsibility rests upon it. Let it only take—As I am sure it will—the strong ground of Liberty to all: Slavery to none! and do that boldly. It then need not fear; for that will be a position that needs no amending, and Border Ruffianism, in Congress or out of it, will quail before such a movement, sooner or later. Look at the deadly assaults of Slavery, and it clearly shows that we must meet the question of Slavery, not only in Kansas, but everywhere, or Slavery will be planted in every State of the Union, and all hopes of this being a free country, will be lost. Your strong appeals in your valuable paper to the Freemen of this State are responded to in all portions of this country. I am proud of all parties are rebuking the proscription of Know Nothings for their attempt to break down the anti-Slavery cause in this State.

They are ready to work for the Republican party, if the party can, by its actions, show to the world that they have no sympathy with K. Nothingism, or with milk-and-water platforms and candidates. If this is done, all will be well, and a glorious triumph will be awarded to the Republican hosts. If not, let us vote to organize a new party, and enlist the true men in such a movement.

D. D. C.

From the Platteville American, May 30.

RAIN—After about ten days of dry weather, the growing crops were refreshed by a shower Wednesday evening.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.—We learn that a son of Richard Benson, about 18 or 20 years old, living near Hazel Green, when riding last Saturday evening, was struck by lightning and instantly killed, and the horse injured.

HORSE AND WAGON STOLEN.—A horse belonging to Mr. Isaac Lord, was stolen from L. Goddell's stable, on Sunday night last, and to complete the outfit, and providing themselves with good traveling facilities, the thieves took a coach-horse wagon and harness belonging to Lyman Cheever, with which they made tracks for Glens. The stage met them about three miles out of town. Mr. Lord followed them nearly to Glens, when he lost track of them.

FIRE at Superior City.

The Superior Chronicle of the 30th ult., says: Mr. Aubrey, who lately lost his house on First Street by the devouring element, has again suffered from this scourge. While engaged in burning brush at his claim on the Pokegama, his cabin took fire, and with everything in it was entirely destroyed.

Mr. Wm. Slayton, on returning to his claim on the Nemadji, on Sunday afternoon, after a few hours' absence, found his house, with its contents, entirely consumed.

A frame dwelling belonging to Mr. Powers, on North Street, took fire, yesterday, from some burning brush, but was saved by the exertions of the citizens.

MORE MURDERS IN KANSAS.—The minions of Frank Pierce are continuing the work of death in Kansas. Mr. Mitchell and Dr. Root, of the New Haven Colony, were recently shot down by the "Regulators," some ten miles from Lawrence. The lives of the Free State men are in constant jeopardy.

VINTNER WHEAT.—We learn from the Beaver Dam Republican, that the winter wheat in that section looks fine, and promises an abundant harvest.

LIBERAL.—At the recent great Kansas meeting at Detroit, Mr. Duncan Stewart, a well-known merchant of that city, offered to give \$2,000 per year towards the maintenance of a company in Kansas to assist in making it a Free State.

RICHMOND CO.—H. A. Eastland and Ira S. Hazlitt are the delegates to the Madison Republican Convention from Richmond. They are instructed to vote for Seward delegates to the Philadelphia Convention.

FRENCH STEAM FRIGATE.—The French Minister, M. Sartiges, received information at Washington, some ten days ago, that the French Steam Frigate Ponsolpe had been despatched from the West India station to San Juan del Norte.

ELECTION RIOT.—On the 2nd inst., an election riot occurred at Washington, in which one Irishman was shot.

Condition of our Capital.

Col. Webb of the N. Y. Courier & Inquirer, an Anti-Abolitionist, and in former days the instigator and defender of pro-slavery mobs, against the abolitionists, thus describes the condition of things at Washington:

To attempt to describe the actual state of affairs here in the Capital of the Nation would be a hopeless task. It would not be believed were one from Heaven to proclaim it trumpet-tongued through the land; and yet no one can live here, as I have for the last six months, without feeling his blood boil at witnessing the fears and apprehensions of fatal consequences, on the part of our Northern men, if any one ventures openly and manfully to speak the truth in the bar-rooms, on the corner of the streets, and on the floor of Congress. And there is reason for these fears. This is a city in a Slave District; its tone is the tone and sentiments of Slavery; its visitors are mostly from the slave States, and a large majority of them (not the portion of them) carry pistols and bowie-knives and what is more, they have, both here and elsewhere, professedly that they will not hesitate on occasion, freely to use them. They are overbearing, threatening and defiant in their manner; and our people have been overawed and cowed.

Sumner, a man of peace, ventured to board them, and we perceive his fate. Wilson put pistols in his pocket, and publicly declared that he held his person sacred from assault! Greeley carried a revolver during the latter part of his sojourn here; and then, and then only, even he was no longer molested, and since the brutal assault on Mr. Sumner, two-thirds of the anti-slavery members of Congress, and all who claim as such, are regarded as lawless, or a bullying, threatening manner, have arrived at the conclusion that the time has come when it is a duty to take to themselves and to the country to assert, and if necessary, to vindicate this great Constitutional privilege, and to be in a situation at all times, effectively to protect themselves from the bully and assassin.

This is not a flattering picture to go abroad, but it is true, and recent events prove it. Have we no remedy for this? Are there not among us—can there not be found in the great North, men of qualifications for both the Senate and the House of Representatives, who possess also the necessary moral during physical courage to meet and put down this disgusting bullying, either with pistol or with bludgeon, as the case may require? If there be such, let them be sent here as your representatives until the South are taught, after their own fashion, that there is no such thing as a North, but that it is unalterably determined to assert all its rights and to maintain all its privileges.

THE RIGHT SPIRIT.—In regard to Senator Wilson's refusal to fight the Ruffian Brooks, the Chicago Press says:

Mr. Wilson's

